

Mon
5th
April

Pray for countries facing internal unrest at the moment, particularly Brazil and Myanmar, that peaceful ways forward may be found swiftly.

Tue
6th
April

Praise God for Christians in Nigeria who are witnessing to militant terrorists, and pray for wisdom for the government as they seek to address the growing problem of extremism.

Wed
7th
April

Pray for all those who have lost a loved one due to Covid, that they may find comfort in God's Word and the fellowship of friends and family.

Thu
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April

Praise God for all those who are fighting to end food poverty for children, and pray for success with their new initiatives.

Fri
9th
April

Pray that our long history of free speech may continue, and that the imposition of 'hate speech' laws will be halted.

Sat
10th
April

Praise God for the oncoming warmer weather, for the progress that has been made in the treatment of the coronavirus, and for the knowledge that He is in control.

Sunday 4th April Easter 1

Knutsford 10.15am Morning Service, also live-streamed

Toft 10.15am Morning Service

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgements he uttered.

Sunday 4th April 2021 (Easter Day)

The Collect

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, grant that we may put away the old leaven of malice and wickedness and always serve you in purity and truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St Johns Knutsford

Led by Mel Lacy Preacher: Nigel Atkinson
1 Cor 15: 1-7 John 20: 24-29

Our live-streamed service is available at 10.15am on YouTube.

Our URL is

<https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsknutsford>

St Johns Toft

Led by: Helen Eccles Preacher: Tom Hollingsbee
John 20: 1-18 Acts 10: 34-43

Everyone is invited to the Zoom after-service coffee-time at **11.45** this week. Email the office for the log-in details if you haven't received them.

In the middle of a crisis? Sick? In need? Not sure what to do next? We have friends in Knutsford & Toft you can talk to. Call our Vicar Nigel (01565 632834) or our Associate Vicar Tom (01565 755160 or 01565 631606)

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Days off: Fridays: Helen & Tom; Saturdays: Nigel.

CHURCH SERVICES

Live services have resumed at both churches. See Nigel's letter for further details. Please contact the church office to book for either church. As we return to church the Knutsford services will continue to be live-streamed for those who need to stay at home.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH SERMONS

We have a facility to offer if you would like to watch a DVD of the whole service, and are unable to attend church in person, please contact the office. They are being distributed to church family and local care homes on request. Thank you to the people who are involved in enabling these initiatives. Sermons are, of course, still available on the church website and as podcasts.

HOPE CENTRAL

At the moment, Hope Central have lower stocks of small bags of toothpaste, tinned potatoes, dried mashed potatoes, toilet rolls and household cleaning items. Financial contributions are also gratefully received, to enable the development of other support services planned for the near future.

LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

We regret that Church Hill Café will remain closed until restrictions are lifted in May. The church office is now open as normal from 9 until 12.30 on weekdays. If you need to visit, please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

CHURCH FAMILY

Although we are still limited in our ability to see each other, please be aware of those people known to you who may be unwell or living alone. A phone call can make all the difference to someone's day.

CAN YOU HELP WOOD STREET MISSION MAKE EASTER EXTRA SPECIAL?

In addition to the Crisis service for families in need in Manchester and Salford Wood Street Mission is starting a Books Forever 2021 Appeal.

The project will provide children in low income families with new books which will be distributed through book clubs, Book Roadshows and local schools.

Please donate books suitable for children aged 0-16 years to WS by Friday 16th April. Books can be sent direct from the retailer. Financial donations are also very welcome through the website. www.woodstreetmission.org.uk WS are unable to make collections from St John's at the moment but Rachel Sampson (166 Grove Park) is happy to take donations of children's clothing and books until collections resume. Once again we thank you for your generous support.

Blessings from CB & JMCK

DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE

DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society. It is free.

SERVICE STATION & TOFT FELLOWSHIP

There will be no service Station or Toft Fellowship this week, so we invite you to look at The Word Online instead. This is coming from Word Alive and offers a variety of excellent resources. The website address is <https://wordaliveevent.org> where you will find all the details, and it runs from 6th to 9th April, with events throughout the day as well as a main evening meeting with David Cook speaking. There will be further seminars available from 12th April. It's all free!